

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14, and 16-28 are currently pending. Claims 1, 5-7, 16, 18, 20-21, 25 and 27 have been amended. No new matter has been added. No new claims have been added. Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

Interview Summary

The undersigned participated in a telephone interview with the Examiner November of 2005. It was discussed that the Applicants position is that there is no signal from the phone in Stone, only increased current draw by the phone which is not a signal. However, it was further pointed out that the increase current draw in Stone is only for receiving incoming calls such that the if the increased current draw is a signal, even so, Stone can only sound the alert for incoming calls and not for other events at the phone.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-28 have been provisionally rejected for obvious type double-patenting over claims 1-20 of App. 09/964,385 and over claims 1-20 of App. 10/101,630. As this is a provisional rejection since none of the claims have yet to be patented, Applicants assert that a terminal disclaimer would be premature and reserve the right to respond to such double patenting rejections in the future upon such claims being patented.

102 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14, 16-19 and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Stone et al (US Pat 5,767,778). Independent claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 18, 20-21, 25 and 27 now recite elements not disclosed by Stone. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants again maintain that the increased current draw by the phone in Stone, which results in the alert being sounded, is not a signal from the phone. However, to advance prosecution at this time, these claims now include recitations to the alert also being sounded in response to events other than an incoming call at the phone. The increased current draw in Stone occurs only for incoming calls. Thus, the alert is

sounded only for incoming calls and is not sounded for other events. Accordingly, Stone fails to disclose all of the recitations of these claims.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, claims 5, 6 and 21 are allowable over Stone. Dependant claims 22-24 depend from an allowable claim 5, 6 or 21 and are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 7-10, 12-14, 16-20, and 22-24 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stone in view of either Haraguchi (US Pat. 6,597,279).

Claims 25-28 stand rejected over Stone in view of Haraguchi and further in view of Sawada (US Pat 6,810,274). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. As noted above, the independent claims include recitations not disclosed by Stone. Furthermore, these deficiencies in Stone are not accounted for by Haraguchi or Sawada, as neither Haraguchi nor Sawada discloses providing an external indication of an event other than an incoming call that triggers an alert. Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons.

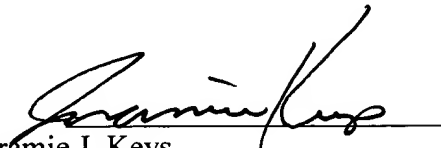
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration based on these amendments and remarks. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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